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Richard O. Dickson became the Deputy District Engineer for Programs and Project Management (DDEPM) for the US Army Corps of Engineers, Afghanistan Engineer District (AED), on July 24, 2005. As the DDEPM, Mr. Dickson's primary focus is on people; ensuring a safe and positive work and living environment for the more than 125 personnel assigned, and ensuring that qualified volunteers arrive into the future. He is also responsible for the effective and successful execution of AED's mission supporting Operation Enduring Freedom and the rebuilding of Afghanistan's infrastructure.

The District's mission includes myriad programs and projects, including construction of support facilities for U.S. Forces in the Central Asian States, facilities for the Afghan National Army, new construction and renovations for Afghanistan's National Police, Counter-Narcotics forces, highway police, border crossings forces, hospitals, and other facilities. Additionally, AED executes major infrastructure projects such as the Afghanistan-Tajikistan Bridge. AED also serves a key role in supporting the U.S. Agency for International Development in water resources, refugee housing, road, infrastructure and capacity building programs, including participation on Provincial Reconstruction Teams.

Prior to assuming his current duties, Mr. Dickson served as AED's US Forces Program Manager at Bagram Air Field, Afghanistan, responsible for the execution of a program consisting of more than 30 military construction projects within the CAS, valued at more than \$ 350 M. Co-located with the Combined Joint Task Force 76 Engineer staff, he ensured close coordination and expeditious execution of all assigned projects, and synchronized master planning of future projects in this vital program. This assignment was while on temporary duty from his position as Chief of Project Management Division in the Corps' Detroit District.

Mr. Dickson has worked in a wide range of programs focused on delivering quality design and construction projects in more than 70 countries around the world. Prior to his assignment to Detroit District, Mr. Dickson served as the program manager to multi-million dollar construction and renovation programs for such diverse customers as US Army Europe's 6th Area Support Group, US Army Health Facility Planning Agency Europe, US Army Europe, the Saudi Arabian National Guard, Department of Defense Dependent Schools, and the African Civic Action and Coastal Security programs.

Mr. Dickson holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering from Clarkson College of Technology